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Please INSERT the Abstract from the attached sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 5, after line 2 (as amended), after the section heading "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION", delete the paragraph and insert the following new paragraph:

B<sup>1</sup> --These and other features and advantages of the invention will be apparent upon consideration of the following detailed description of the preferred embodiment of the invention.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1-6 as follows.

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1. (Replaced) A gel composition useful for skin care and protection comprising:  
30% to 80% w/w water having a TDS value between 25% and 40% and having an ion composition resembling Dead Sea water;  
a solubilizer;  
a gelling agent or viscosity modifier; and  
deionized water to complete to 100%.

2. (Replaced) The gel composition according to claim 1 wherein the gel composition is a clear gel.